

UHP Strategic Objectives

The University Honors Program is committed to building a program that exemplifies the University motto, Access and Excellence, and prepares its members for academic, career, and personal success. Toward this end, the Honors Council has developed and continues to refine its strategic objectives:

UHP Evolving Strategic Objectives (Working Document January 2018)

Strategic Goal 1: Continue to build and enhance the Honors curriculum so that the UHP becomes known for its academic excellence.

- Develop a first-year sequence that provides a foundation for subsequent honors coursework and future academic success.
- Develop Honors Gen Ed options attractive to CAHP, COB, and science/pre-med/nursing students.
- Refine our descriptions/specifications of what makes an MSUB “honors” course.
- Continue to develop upper-division seminars and courses suitable for most majors and programs so as to reduce the reliance on honors contracts and provide communal honors classroom experiences in the student’s area of interest/specialty.
- Use minor portfolios as an assessment instrument to evaluate what is working in the UHP curriculum, what to change, and what to improve.

Strategic Goal 2: Enhance the Honors experience.

- Increase collaboration on advising among the Advising Center, faculty advisors, and honors advising so that the UHP becomes known for advising excellence.
- Rebuild the Honors Club.
- Develop a program that better prepares students for the jobs, graduate or professional schools, and career success that they hope to obtain after MSUB.
- Continue to work on events, rituals, and ceremonies (orientation, graduation celebration, etc.) that help to define and exemplify what membership in the UHP means.
- Work with the MSUB Foundation and with Financial Aid to provide more scholarship assistants to Honors students.

Strategic Goal 3: Increase membership and graduation rates for the UHP.

- Recruit incoming classes of 25-to-30 and add 15-to-20 more via the nomination process.
- Increase membership in the program to +/-140 for the entering class of 2020.
- Increase graduation rates in the program to 15-to-20 students per year by 2022, including both Scholars and Graduates.

- Develop a more comprehensive approach to identifying UHP prospects and for encouraging them to come to MSUB and join the program.

Strategic Goal 4: Work on marketing the UHP so that it becomes associated with the excellence proclaimed in the University's motto.

- Continue to sponsor recognition-building activities associated with the mission of the UHP, pre-eminently the Research, Creativity, and Community Involvement Conference and seek new such activities. Along these lines we should consider if we should continue the Guest Writer in Residence.
- Continue to identify and assist Goldwater Scholarship applicants and determine other scholarships for which our students can be competitive.
- Develop a newsletter for parents and families of UHP and UHP alums.